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SENATOR SCOTT FIGHTS LATEST GOP INJUSTICE TOWARD DETROIT

Changes in Revenue Sharing Formula Again Target Detroit for Unfair Treatment

LANSING- Calling it just the latest in a series of injustices directed toward the City of Detroit, State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) blasted Senate Republicans today for rejecting her substitute amendment to hold Detroit harmless on reductions in state revenue sharing. The defeat of her amendment will likely cost Detroit millions in state shared revenues.

“During good economic times, a revenue sharing freeze was enacted which prevented Detroit from sharing the prosperity of the times,” said Senator Scott. “Now, when that cap would actually work to the benefit of Detroit, Lansing Republicans change the rules to make sure Detroit loses out again.”

Detroit has been a favorite target of Lansing Republicans this session. The Legislature has already attempted a hostile takeover of Detroit Water and Sewer and raided the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Institute of Arts, and Focus: HOPE budgets to effectively pay for pet projects in

other districts. Now, the Republican-controlled Legislature is breaking the 1998 agreement on revenue sharing just when the freeze would actually shield Detroit from revenue sharing cuts.

“Honorable men and women keep their agreements,” said Senator Scott. “This agreement was fine with the majority party when it set Detroit apart from other cities benefiting from the boom times of the 1990s. Dishonoring the agreement now is simply the wrong thing to do.

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